

-- WATER-BASED FORMULATIONS WITH FUNGICIDAL ACTION

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The invention relates to storage-stable aqueous formulations containing at least one hydrolysis-sensitive active compound in combination with binders consisting of an alkyd resin based on vegetable oils and/or acrylate dispersions and having a pH ≤ 7 .--

REMARKS

Applicants hereby offer preliminary amendments to the present application to place the application in better form for allowance.

Applicants have canceled Claim 1 in favor of Claim 11 to correct informalities and to indicate more clearly that the term "active compound" refers to biologically active compounds. Claim 11 is fully supported in the specification, for example, at page 1, lines 25-31. Dependent Claims 12-15 correspond to canceled Claims 2-5 and thus remain fully supported in the specification. Applicants have canceled Claims 6-8 in favor of Claims 16-19 to replace "use" claims with corresponding method claims and to avoid the multiple dependency of canceled Claim 8. (Applicants note in this respect the subject matter of Claim 16 corresponds to canceled Claim 10.) Canceled Claims 16-19 are thus fully supported in the specification. Applicants have canceled Claim 9 in favor of Claim 20. Claim 20 is supported in the specification for the reasons discussed with respect to Claim 11.

Applicants have amended the specification to indicate more clearly in the table at page 4 that the pH values listed in column 4 refer to the binder. Applicants have also amended the specification to capitalize all letters in the title. Applicants have similarly amended the title of the Abstract and have made other changes to the Abstract so that it conforms more clearly to the claims. A copy of the amended Abstract is separately attached.

In view of the preceding amendments and remarks, allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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